

# THE CHARLEROI MAIL

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## LOUTTIT IS READY FOR THE INQUEST

Wants The Most Severe  
Grilling Ever Given a Man  
On The Stand--Miners  
Find No Fault.

## CORONER SIPE DELAYS

Hearing Of Case Will Be  
Postponed Until a Later  
Day.

Mine Inspector Henry Louttit of this district who came out of the Marianna mines just a few moments before the explosion on Saturday morning is anxious to appear on the stand when the coroner's inquest is held to inquire into the disaster. He wants a severe grilling, and if he is able to throw any light upon the cause of the disaster he is only too willing to do so. Not only that but Mr. Louttit wants every man who has any knowledge of the mine before the explosion or at the time to be called as a witness.

The mine inspector was interviewed at Monongahela this morning in regard to the terrible affair at Marianna. He refused to say anything as to the results of his investigation or give his idea as to the cause of the explosion, but authorized the following: "I am ready for the coroner's inquest at any time now. I desire to be put on the stand and be given the most severe grilling that any man ever had. It is my desire that all who have any knowledge of the mine be called to testify."

"To think," said Mr. Louttit, "that a few minutes before the explosion I was in the mine laughing and joking with the men, and had only just come out, when it occurred, and then to be called a murderer. You may be sure that I, who fully realize the conditions, must feel much worse about it than anyone excepting possibly some of the survivors."

The miners are generally in favor of Louttit, and they have nothing to say against him. In justice to him it is nothing but right to state that the investigations which have been made thus far entitle him to no blame whatever. He would not if he had known that the explosion was to occur have come out of the workings without making some attempt to save the miners.

Today investigations are being carried on under the direct supervision of State Mine Inspector Roderick. It is thought that there will be some fruitful results from the examinations which will be made by the body of mining men with him.

Yesterday and this morning there were brought to this place and placed in the hands of the undertaking firm of Correll and Crowley, four bodies in all, of victims. They were Mike Boneski, Charles Fair, Nick Latson and George Bojo. The latter was buried yesterday in the Charleroi cemetery. He was a Russian. The bodies of the others, who are Greeks, are at present at the Greek church and the funeral will take place later.

Coroner W. H. Sipe has announced a postponement of the date of the inquest into the cause of the explosion in the Rachel shaft of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo company. This was decided upon by Coroner Sipe so that his in-

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The receipts total \$4,870. The amount was contributed by the following persons: John K. Tener, D. L. Williams, H. F. Ward, Cyrus Morrow, \$500; J. C. Morgan, John C. Murphy, W. E. Lane, \$250; John G. Hall, John A. Berry, Thomas Hill, C. L. V. Acheson, \$200; C. E. Cartthers, James Hurran, J. B. Holland, C. R. Bentley, \$150; C. F. Thompson, \$10; Isaac Baum, Edward L. Dawes,

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### Dec. 3 In History.

1753—Samuel Crompton, English inventor, born; died 1827.  
1800—Battle of Hohenlinden; defeat of the Austrians by the French under Moreau.



R. L. Stevenson

1815—John Carroll, first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States, died; born 1735.  
1894—Robert Louis Stevenson, novelist and poet, died at Samoa; born 1850.

### ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:29, rises 7:04; moon sets 8:13 a. m.

### "Be up to Date or Fail"

"Be up to date or fail," is the way an exchange expresses it in speaking of the progress that is being made now in the development of new business methods. There is a story told of a physician who every year at a prescribed time goes through his bookcases and libraries, which are very extensive, throws out the old and out of date books, and then piles in new ones. In this way he keeps pace with the development of new scientific findings of learned men of the age. We all know that some of the scientific books are useless a year after they are published. There was never a time in the history of the world when the new in every line of endeavor is crowding out the old as it is today. To be a true success in anything we must keep up with the times.

Every day there are new inventions being placed before the public; new discoveries being made in scientific lines, and the red tape, old foggy and cumbersome methods of transacting business in being rapidly done away with. Indeed this is a world of rush, hustle and bustle, no one can dispute that. Every one seems to be ambitious to become something, or do something worthy of note. With this necessary ambition however must be a little much common sense. Remember that nothing else is improving faster than business methods. If you are keeping books as they were kept a quarter of a century ago, if you are using the same business system, you are to say the least sadly behind the times.

### Back to the State Courts.

The Supreme Court of the United States in the Virginia two-cent-fare case has taken a most necessary step toward the orderly administration of justice.

The lower Federal court had issued an injunction restraining the Virginia courts from determining the validity of the railroad rates established by the State commission. The Supreme Court holds that State laws should first be passed upon in State courts, and that the proper procedure is by appeal from the highest State court to the United States Supreme Court, and not by a lower Federal court's

enjoining the highest State court from acting.

This is sound sense and good law. Such action by the United States Supreme Court is imperative to avoid clogging the Federal court calendar with State and local matters.

The same rule applied in this Virginia case would knock out the 80-cent gas proceedings before Referee Masten and require the Consolidated Gas company to test the constitutionality of a State law first in the State courts and then by appeal from the New York Court of Appeals to the United States Supreme Court, which was the exact procedure followed in the franchise-tax case.

### Concerning Communication.

The article of the "Old Miner" in today's issue has some good points, but we must disagree with him in some of his statements. Of course he is a Lewis man, as his communication shows, and a red hot one at that. He considers that the organizers were sent into this district to organize, not to electioneer for Lewis.

Such may be the case, but to be frank it does not look like it. Nevertheless, the writer of this article has a right to his opinion, and doubtless many will think as he does.

### Electric Sparks.

The chairman of the ways and means committee has discovered that he wants to give everybody a chance to appear, that is to say, everybody within reasonable limits.

The University of Pennsylvania expects to have a big day on the 22nd of February when the next president of the United States will deliver an oration. It will undoubtedly be well worth hearing.

The Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington, rector of Grace Church, Broadway, found a check for \$40,000 under his plate at breakfast the other morning. "The Great White Way" is not the only institution on Broadway.

Paul Revere did ride. We have assurance of the fact from a Chicago-grandson, who heard it from his mother, who in turn heard it from the lips of Paul Revere himself. So the poets are vindicated and the school readers need not be changed.

It now turns out that \$5,000 Abruzzi engagement ring is worth \$11.75. At that it will assay just \$11.70 more than the average coke.

"Nothing in the ice box can escape the police," says the New York World. Gee! What does that paper think they put on "the force" down there? Evangelists:

Whether it is Elo or Esperanto or Volapuk the universal language that becomes really universal will have to be the one that survives because it is fittest.

With Mr. Roosevelt in the editorial chair the question as to what we shall do with our ex-Presidents is changed to what our ex-Presidents will do with us.

The latest developments at Marianna go to show that what we need is not so much additional knowledge concerning mine explosions as conscientious and rigid application of what we do know.

The greatest war now being conducted is the war on the White Plague. It has spread until it has become world-wide.

The wives and sweethearts of the American jockeys are due to receive some new and novel foreign-made Christmas gifts.

The curiosity-seekers who have been thronging to Marianna to see the wreck of the mine must have spent some money to get there. Wouldn't it have been better to donate the money to the relief of the survivors?

The spirit of gallantry was entirely left out of the composition of a headline writer who exclaims: "Miss Elkins Will Not Get the Duke!" The duke is understood to put it, "I shall not get Miss Elkins," and to say it regretfully.

You will never be able to get up in the world by throwing stores at men who have reached the top.

Our deepest sympathy is with the man of few words married to a woman who does a continuous monologue stunt.

The poet has said that love is three parts pain, but who can tell how much real suffering is contained in the wedding ceremony?

### For Cross Ties.

For the purpose of prolonging as long as possible the life of cross-ties and thereby minimizing the consumption of timber, the Pennsylvania Railroad has determined in future to treat with creosote ties which shall be used on its main tracks. Up to very recently, the abundance of available timber in the eastern section of the country has rendered unnecessary any such a policy, but the increasing scarcity of available timber in recent years has caused the Company to make a most thorough inquiry into the question of what policy should be pursued in order to secure an economical supply of cross-ties in the future.

To this end the Company, some two years ago, undertook tree planting upon a large scale. Since that time it has set out some 2,420,000 trees and has handled this year some 625,000. Extensive planting of trees and shrubbery for ties, lumber and ornamental purposes is being made on land owned by the company in various parts of the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

In order to provide still more completely against the future, a contract has just been placed for the construction of a tie-treating plant at Mt. Union, Pa., and, in addition, for two large creosote storage tanks to be located at Greenwich Point, Philadelphia, Pa. The Mt. Union plant will be the first creosoting operation undertaken on a large scale by an eastern railroad. This plant will be equipped with a cylinder 130 feet long and a little more than 6 feet wide. There

will also be the necessary pumps, boilers, compressors, and storage tanks. By reason of the fact that ties require from six to nine months' seasoning in the open air before being treated, a storage yard of a capacity of one-half million ties will be provided adjoining the creosoting plant. The plant will be equipped to treat between 1,500 and 2,000 ties daily, or some 500,000 a year.

In addition to the regular treating plant, there will also be installed at Mt. Union a small cylinder for the purpose of making experiments in treating the various kinds of wood available in Central Pennsylvania.

It is estimated that proper treatment will increase the life of cross-ties from two to three-fold. Applied to all of the 100,000,000 ties which American railroad use annually, it would greatly reduce the drain on the rapidly decreasing timber resources.

The Pennsylvania Railroad alone uses from 3,500,000 to 4,000,000 ties each year for renewals and new work. The average life of these red oak and chestnut ties under present conditions is from three to four years, while oak lasts from seven to eight years. It is estimated that tie-treating will increase the life of these ties to at least twenty years. The Pennsylvania Railroad's enormous requirements for ties and lumber strips the timber from some 5,000 acres annually.

It is estimated that by properly treating with preservatives even a part of this timber, its life will be so increased that perhaps 25,000 acres will supply the Company's requirements.

### A LIFE OF THE ROOFS.

Gardens Flourish on the House tops of Florence, Italy.

There still exists in Italian cities a life of the roofs that is distinct and characteristic and of which the mere foreigner and tourist is entirely unaware. Particularly is this the case in Florence. Mount to the top floor of one of these grim big palaces standing in some gloomy, sunless street, often approached by a stern, forbidding doorway and dark, steep stairs, and you will hold your breath with wonder at the surprise that awaits you. For here before your eyes stretches an unfamiliar city, a red and green city of wide expanse and varying altitudes, a city no less architecturally beautiful than the one you have left below and enlivened, too, most unexpectedly by verdure.

In the very heart of the city, on its topmost apex, there is no trace of grime. The air is pure and wholesome. Indeed, its breezes are charged with no small suggestion of sea and mountain breath. As for the smoke one would expect to find hanging above the roofs of a densely populated city, it is conspicuous by its absence, and only at the home of meals does some faint blue column rise for the briefest space into the atmosphere.—Helen Zimaern's "A Florentine Roof Garden" in Current.

Absurd All Around.

"Who is the old fellow over there with the comic coat, the stovepipe hat and the baggy knotted trousers?"

"That's the professor who is lecturing on the absurdities of woman's dress."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Private Exhibits.

"That dog's ugly enough to have a pedigree. Ever had him in a dog show?"

"No; don't have to. He makes a show of every dog he sees."—Puck.

A Similitude.

Summer shower come passin' by;  
Rainbow yonder in de sky;  
Sort o' strikes dese eyes o' mine  
Like a slice o' melon fine!

When dem drops come softy down  
Flowers blossom all around;  
Satisfaction seems complete;  
Sho! Dat melon juice am sweet!

### WON ON A BLUFF.

The Way One Prosperous Merchant Got His Start in Business.

There is a prosperous merchant in Chicago today who owes his success to his donation of a \$5,000 organ to a church at a time when he didn't have money enough to buy a hand organ. This donation was a case of bluff pure and simple, but the bluff worked and resulted in the subsequent wealth of the lucky bluffer.

John Smith was seeking capital to start in business for himself, but as he had no security worth speaking of he could not borrow the money he needed.

When he had tried every person he could think of who would be likely to have the necessary cash and the inclination to lend it and had been turned down, he conceived the idea of presenting his church with an organ.

Young Napoleon John Smith therefore ordered his organ and allowed the future to look out for itself. The manufacturers of the organ never thought of questioning the financial standing of the philanthropist who was handing out \$5,000 organs and agreed to have the instrument set up in the church on time.

Of course J. Smith was not a bud that was born to blush unseen, nor did he hide his beneficence under a bushel. He managed to bring it at least the date stops no matter what the subject of conversation. Not only did the young Napoleon advertise himself by means of the church organ, but the pleased minister and the equally pleased congregation spread the news of his gift.

During this time John did not allow any alms to grow under his feet. On the pretense of consulting some wealthy member of the congregation about some minor details of the organ he would drop into an office and before he left casually would mention the subject of the company that he was forming. Most of the men that he thus saw thought that it would be a good thing to be associated with a man who was making so much money that he was able to hand out \$5,000 without missing it, so that all were anxious to take stock in J. Smith's company.

Long before the time came for the first payment on the organ Smith had gathered enough money to start his business and was doing so well he had no difficulty in borrowing the amount needed to make the payment. From that time he has made money so fast that now he could give away several \$5,000 organs and pay for them as well.—Chicago Tribune.

### MEXICAN POLITENESS.

In the State of Michoacan Chivalry is Compulsory.

"If any man opines that the days of chivalry and the true knight errant spirit have gone forever, let him start forthwith on a far southward journey, not halt his steps until he brings up in the town of Morelia, which is the capital of the Mexican state of Michoacan," remarked a traveling man.

"Having arrived in Morelia, he will at once see that the chivalrous spirit still survives. I was down there not long ago, and the gallantry of the men and their extreme readiness to extend courtesies to the fair sex pleased and surprised me. When I noticed the alacrity with which the native males jumped up on the crowded street car to offer their seats to the first señorita that entered, I thought to myself how much more gentlemanly are these Mexicans than many of my own countrymen. They do not wait to see if some other man is going to get up, but each tries to beat the other in courteously proffering his seat to the lady."

"I spoke about the matter to the proprietor of the hotel and immediately he began to laugh.

"You must understand, señor," said the innkeeper, "that the governor of our state issued a decree that if any man keeps his seat in a street car, thereby compelling a woman to stand, he is liable to arrest and fine. The police have been instructed to execute this order severely, and I think this has much to do with the prompt politeness of which you speak, since none of our population wishes to become involved with the police and to be publicly branded as lacking in gentility."

—Baltimore American.

### She Had Red Burns.

The philanthropic lady was visiting a Glasgow slum and had just been ushered into a house where the good wife was engaged washing. Her endeavor was to elevate the minds of the poor, and she asked, "Have you read Burns?"

In answer the good wife bared her brawny arm and displayed a large red mark, saying: "There's wan I got this morn wi' the steam o' the pot blin' over. But, efter a', burn's eye red!"

### Must Have Had Experience.

"Never mind, dear," he said reassuringly as she raised her sweet face from his shoulder and they both saw the white blur on his coat: "It will all brush off."

"Oh, Charlie," she burst out, sobbing, hiding her face again upon his white shoulder, "how do you know?"—Somerville Journal.

### Both Ways.

Woman—Now that I have fed you, are you going without doing your work? Tramp—Oi couldn't wark on an empty stomach, mum, an' Oi ain't warkin' on full one, so there ye be!

—Smart Set.

### Making Headway.

Nervous Traveler (to seat companion)—How fast should you say you were travelin'? Companion (who has been sitting with the girl across the way)—About a smile a minute.—Life.

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## New Queen Bess Dined.

The setting out of the dinner of Queen Elizabeth was a ceremonious function: First came a gentleman with a rod, followed by a gentleman carrying a tablecloth, which, after they had knelt reverently three times, was spread upon the table. Then came two others, one with a rod, the other with a saltcellar, a plate and bread. They knelt three times, placed the things on the table, knelt again and retired. Next came a lady in waiting, followed by a second. The first lady, dressed in white, after kneeling three times, approached the table and solemnly rubbed the plates with the salt. Then entered twenty-four yeomen of the guard clad in scarlet and each carrying a dish of gold. These dishes were placed upon the table, while the lady taster gave to each of the guards a taste from the dish he had brought in for fear of possible poison. These guards were selected from the tallest and stoutest men in all England. At the close of this ceremony a number of unarmored ladies appeared and with great solemnity lifted the various dishes and carried them to the queen in her private apartments. The queen dined and supped alone, with few attendants, and it was seldom that any one was admitted at this time, and then only at the intercession of some one in power.

## Coal Used by Romans.

It is believed by some historians that coal was used by the Romans on the continent and by the Britons on the island before the arrival of Caesar. As early as 1224 Henry III granted a license to dig coal near Newcastle, but a few years later the use of coal was forbidden in London, the smoke being deemed prejudicial to public health.

In 1399 the London gentry petitioned the king against its use, declaring that in spite of his royal order certain malicious persons persisted in burning it. Coals began to be brought from Newcastle to London in 1391, during the reign of Richard II. By the year 1400 coal was commonly burned in London as a fuel, though 200 years later, in the reign of Charles I, its use was far from being general throughout England. Anthracite coal, which, except the diamond, is the purest form of carbon known, was first used by a Connecticut blacksmith named Gore in 1768 and as a domestic fuel by Judge Jesse Fell of Wilkesbarre, Pa., in 1808.

## A Fairy Tale Kingdom.

The kingdom of Uganda is a fairy tale. You climb up a railway instead of a staircase, and at the end there is a wonderful new world. The scenery is different, the vegetation is different, the climate is different, and, most of all, the people are different from anything else where to be seen in the whole range of Africa. Instead of the breezy uplands we enter a tropical garden. In place of naked painted savages clashing their spears and gibbering in chorus to their tribal chiefs a complete and elaborate polity is presented. Under a dynastic king, a parliament and a powerful feudal system an amiable, clothed, polite and intelligent race dwell together in an organized monarchy upon the rich domain between the Victoria and Albert lakes—Winston Churchill, M. P. in Strand Magazine.

## A Promise Unfulfilled.

O. Henry, the well known story writer, once promised the editor of a magazine that he would deliver a short story to him on the following Monday. Several Mondays passed, but the muse was refractory, and the story was not forthcoming. At last the wrathful editor wrote this note:

My Dear O. Henry—if I do not receive that story from you by 12 o'clock today I am going to put on my heaviest soled shoes, come down to your house and kick you downstairs. I always keep my promises.

Whereupon O. Henry sat down and wrote this characteristic reply:

Dear Sir—I, too, would keep my promises if I could fulfill them with my feet.

—Success Magazine.

## A Defect.

A little girl was playing with a girl friend of her own age on the porch of her home. An elderly gentleman, her mother's father, and an elderly lady, her father's mother, were sitting on the porch talking pleasantly with each other. The little girl had often wished her grandparents were of the same name, like other children's grandparents. Presently the little guest remarked, "What a nice grandmother and grandfather you have!" "Oh, yes," she said, with a sigh, "but they don't match."

## An Explanation.

"How long has this restaurant been open?" asked the would-be diner.

"Two years," said the proprietor.

"I am sorry I did not know it," said the guest. "I should be better off if I had come here then."

"Yes?" smiled the proprietor, very much pleased. "How is that?"

"I should probably have been served by this time if I had," said the guest, and the entente cordiale vanished.—Harper's Weekly.

## Cause and Effect.

Old Hunks—When I came to this town sixteen years ago, real estate in the block where I live was higher than it is now.

Old Hewligus—It would be so in any block where you'd settle down.—Chicago Tribune.

## Generous.

Mr. Smith (in street car)—Madam, take my seat. Mrs. Jones (who has been standing fifteen minutes)—No, thanks; I get off at the next corner. Smith—That's all right. So do I.

It is unpleasant to turn back, even though it be to take the right way.—German Proverb

## AN OLD INDIAN MYTH

It Tells a Curious Story About the Creation.

## MOUNT TAHOMA MADE FIRST.

Then Came the Trees, the Birds, the Fishes and All the Animals. With the Grizzly Bear the Last and the Greatest of All—The Origin of Man.

The Indians say that the Great Spirit made Mount Tahoma the first of all. Boring a hole in the sky, using a large stone as an auger, he pushed down snow and ice until they reached the desired height, then stepped from cloud to cloud down to the great icy pile and from it to the earth, where he planted the first trees by merely putting his finger into the soil here and there. The sun began to melt the snow, the snow produced water, the water ran down the side of the mountain, refreshed the trees and made rivers. The Great Spirit gathered the leaves that fell from the trees, blew upon them, and they became birds. He took a stick and broke it into pieces. Of the small end he made fishes, and of the middle of the stick, i.e., made animals, the grizzly bear excepted, which he formed out of the big end of the stick, appointing him to be master over all the others.

Indeed, this animal grew so large, strong and cunning that the Creator somewhat feared him and so hollowed out Mount Tahoma as a wigwam for himself where he might reside while on earth in the most perfect security and comfort. So the smoke was soon to be seen curling up from the mountain where the Great Spirit and his family lived and still live, though their hearth fire is no longer, now that the white man is in the land. This was thousands of years ago.

After this came a late and severe springtime, in which a memorable storm blew up from the sea, shaking the huge ledge to its base. The Great Spirit commanded his daughter, then little more than an infant, to go up and bid the wind to be still, cautioning her at the same time not to put her head out into the blast, but only to thrust out her little arm and make a sign before she delivered her message.

The eager child hastened up to the hole in the roof, did as she was told and then turned to descend, but her curiosity impelled her to look at the forbidden world outside and the rivers and trees, at the far ocean and the great waves that the storm had made as hoary as the forest when the snow is on the firs. So she stopped and put out her head to look. Instantly the storm took her by the long hair and blew her down to the earth, down the mountain side, over the smooth ice and soft snow, down to the lair of the grizzly bears.

Now, the grizzly bears were then somewhat different from what they are at the present time. In appearance, it is true, they were much the same, but they walked on their hind legs like men and talked and carried clubs, using the fore limbs as men use their arms. At the foot of the mountain, at the place where the child was blown to, lived a family of grizzlies. The father grizzly was returning from the hunt with his club on his shoulder and a young elk in his hand when he saw the shivering little waif lying on the snow with her hair all tangled about her.

The old grizzly, pitying and wondering at the strange, forlorn creature, lifted it up and carried it in his wife to see what should be done. She, too, was pitiful and fed it from her own breast, bringing it up as one of their family. So the daughter of the Great Spirit grew up, and the eldest son of the old grizzly married her, and their offspring was neither grizzly nor Great Spirit, but man.—Forest and Stream.

## An Original Oath of Allegiance.

In the old days when the Spanish province of Aragon was a proud and independent monarchy the people used when choosing their king the following singular form of election:

"We, the free-born inhabitants of the ancient kingdom of Aragon, who are equal to you, Don Philip, and something more, elect you to be our king on condition that you preserve to us our rights and privileges. If in this you should fail we own you for our king no longer."

"Oh, yes," she said, with a sigh, "but they don't match."

—Success Magazine.

## The Red Ferns.

"Stop the auto!"

"But, sir!"

"I think I saw some red ferns."

"Better leave me keep on, boss," advised the chauffeur earnestly. "Them red ferns is the local constable's whiskers."—Washington Herald.

## The Open Window.

The best part of a modern house is its windows. To keep these open day and night and to make the air inside approach as nearly as possible the outside should be the first business of the housekeeper.—Good Health.

## A Precaution.

"Every man is the architect of his own fortune," quoted the wise guy. "Yes, but he wants to keep solid with the building inspectors," added the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record.

## Reason Enough.

The Butler—What makes the missus in such a bad humor this morning? The Maid—Some woman told her a secret last night, and she's forgotten it.—London Telegraph.

The web of our life is a mingled yarn, good and ill together.—Shakespeare.

## AMONG THE THEATERS

### At Monessen Theatre.

The renowned Jim Dumps has never dared show his melancholy face since the popular Dainty Paree Burlesquers that comes to Monessen Opera House on Monday, Dec. 7th came into existence. He was cured after seeing Mlle Oolah do her famous Oriental dance and has ever since hung his head in shame. Like a new carpet, the Dainty Paree Burlesquers cannot be beaten. There is catchy musical numbers and the funny comedians. A large chorus of pretty girls in costumes that are entirely new are an attractive addition some of the gowns worn are the latest models from the Parisian plates.

### "A Trip to India"

There is said to be "a scream every time the clock ticks" in "A Trip to India," the irrepressible laugh creator that is scheduled for production next Friday night at the Monessen Opera House by the Herald Square comic opera company. This elusive description of this very funny play is probably the exaggerated opinion of an enthusiastic press agent, but if the friendly newspaper accounts of the comedy in neighboring cities, where the company has appeared are to be credited, local theatricals are promised an intensely enjoyable evening of mirth, music and song.

### Star Theatre.

The bill last evening was a particularly good one. Chas. Stowe in Shakespearean characters was easily the headliner of the bill, and the patrons of the house showed their appreciation of his clever work by demanding an encore. This act is somewhat out of the usual run for vaudeville houses and the management is to be commended for its effort in bringing such high class talent to their house. The other members on the bill were all well received.

### Lover

Lover, Pa., Dec. 8.—Miss Stella Carson entertained a number of young folks at a mask party Saturday evening.

Fremont Colvin and son of California, were callers here.

Miss Porter of the California Normal and Miss Anna Carson of Alpenport, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Stella Carson.

John A. Carson was a business caller at Washington Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Winnett were recent visitors with the former's mother, Mrs. Ellen Winnett near Coal Center.

Mrs. Garfield Gregg, of Washington, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carroll near Greenwood.

Miss Bertha Dague of Scenery Hill, was a recent guest of her cousin, Miss Stella Robins.

Miss Allie Harrison who has spent several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Sam Hopewell has returned to her home near Rogers school house.

A box social was held at the McGinn school house Saturday evening.

Little Ardah Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Morris, has been ill.

Rev. Settles of Morgantown, W. Va. will preach at the Christian church Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

The men of this community attended the sale at Harry Jones's Tuesday.

### Will Help Likins.

Rev. Charles O. Bemis, whose pastoral charge at the McClellandtown Presbyterian church has been the source of so much controversy in Redstone Presbytery, has decided to quit the ministry and engage in newspaper work as assistant to Editor W. M. Likins in the editorial department of the People's Tribune of Uniontown and will enter on his new work January 1.

However, Rev. Bemis will continue as a lay member of the church at McClellandtown and will fill the pulpit as a lay member, acting independently of the Presbytery.

### EXECUTOR'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned executors of the last Will and Testament of JAMES H. JACOBS late of the Borough of CHARLEROI, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, deceased, publish notice to all persons having claims against the estate, to meet at the residence of the executors, A. M. Thursey, Dec. 10th, in the afternoon, to settle the estate, to wit:

Lot Number Ten (10) in MEYAHAN'S Addition to the Borough of CHARLEROI, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, fronting Twenty-eight (28) feet on the Westerly side of LINCOLN'S AVENUE and running back, preserving a uniform width of Twenty-five (25) feet, a distance of One Hundred (100) feet to PROSPECT AVENUE, and running back, on the South side of LINCOLN'S AVENUE, fronting Sixty (60) feet on SIXTH STREET and a Fifteen (15) feet wide alley to the above described Borong.

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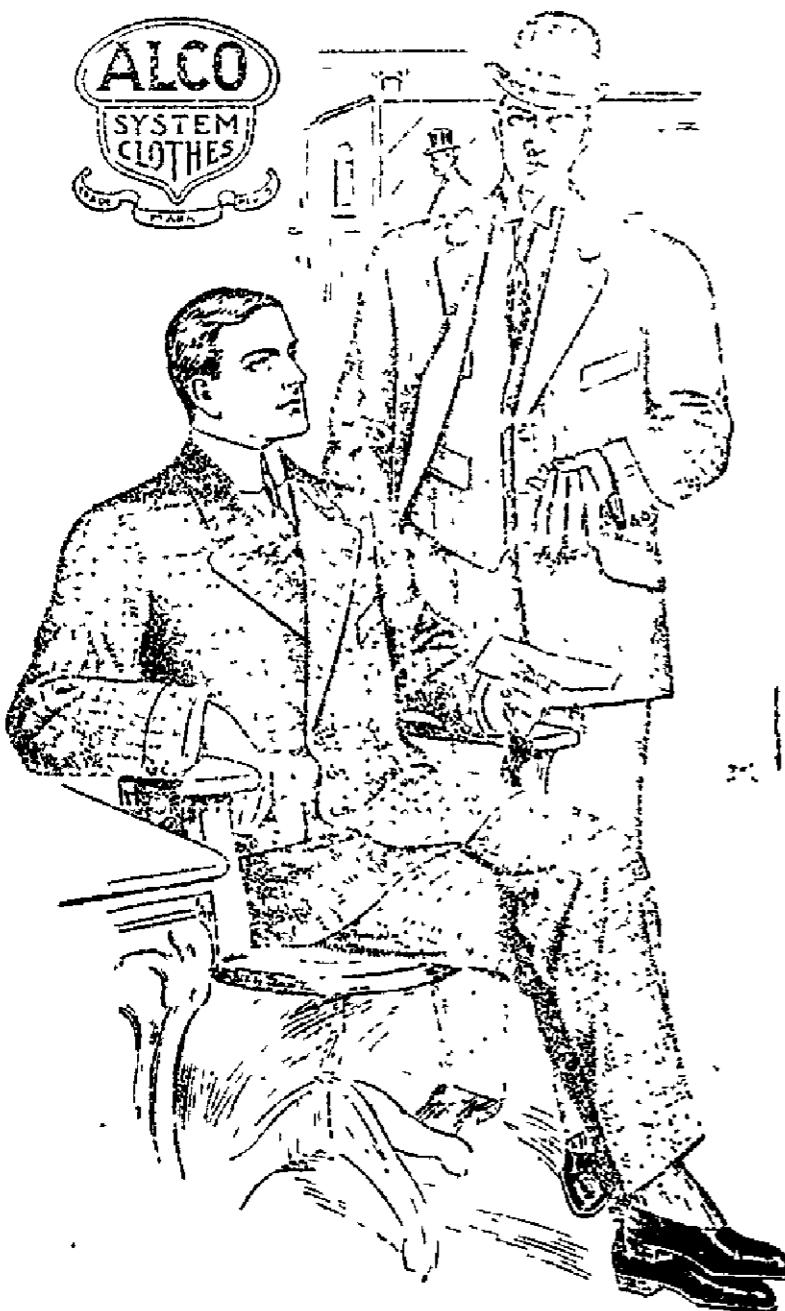
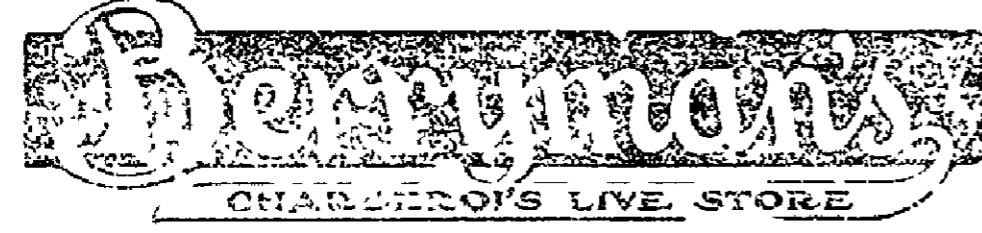
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### Personal Mention

C. E. A. Lowstutter of Fallowfield avenue is confined to his bed by appendicitis.

Daniel Monack has left for Italy where he will spend two or three months. His wife who is already at that place will return with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sherman of Girard who have been visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Hepler and sister, Mrs. Arthur Slaughter of Second street returned to their home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Higgins left today for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will reside. Mr. Higgins was formerly a waiter in the Casino restaurant and was very popular.

### HAVE COMPLETED THE ARRANGEMENTS

The committee on the Memorial services to be held by Charleroi Lodge 49, B. P. O. Elks, consisting of John D. Berryman, Roland C. Brown and Charles L. McGaughy have practically completed arrangements for the services which will be held in the Coyle theatre on Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. A large number are expected to attend. Col Crago, who is to deliver the address is a well known speaker. The Central male chorus of California, an organization which is well known here will furnish special and appropriate music for the occasion.

### SHOW GIVEN BY THE CENTRAL TRADES UNION

The labor union show at the school hall last night while not so well attended as it might have been was good and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present. The main feature of the evening was the lecture given by C. J. McMorrow, of Boston, Mass., a representative of the Boot and Shoe workers union. The show besides the lecture consisted of illustrated songs, music and moving pictures. It was in all a program of merit, and deserved better patronage. It was given under the auspices of the Central Trades Union.

Moore.

The funeral of Mrs. Raymond Moore, a well known colored lady formerly of this place who died at the McKeesport hospital Monday night was held this afternoon at St. James A. M. E. church on Lincoln avenue this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The interment followed at the Charleroi cemetery. Mrs. Moore whose home for some time was in Denver was taken to the McKeesport hospital recently. She was there but a few days when she died, at 11 o'clock on Monday night.

For the meeting of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, at Altoona, Pa., December 5 to 11, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Altoona, December 5 to 11, good returning until December 14, inclusive from all stations in the State of Pennsylvania at reduced rates minimum fare 25 cents. Consult nearest Ticket Agent.

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Caught Him.

Mrs. Boyle—We found out where my husband spends his evenings. Mrs. Doyle—Where? Mrs. Boyle—at home. You see, I had to stay in myself last night.—Harper's Weekly.

That is every man's country where he lives best.—Aristophanes.

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George E. Lockhart, treasurer of the Republican county committee, has filed a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements during the recent campaign.

The receipts total \$4,970. The amount was contributed by the following persons: John K. Tener, D. L. Williams, H. F. Ward, Cyrus Morrow, \$500; J. C. Morgan, John C. Murphy, W. E. Lane, \$250; John G.

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### Dec. 3 In History.

1753—Samuel Crompton, English inventor, born; died 1827.

1800—Battle of Hohenlinden, defeat of the Austrians by the French under Moreau.

1815—John Carroll, first Roman Catholic Bishop in the United States, died, born 1735.

1894—Robert Louis Stevenson, novelist and poet, died at Samoa, born 1850.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:29 rises 7:04 moon sets 3:13 a.m.

### "Be up to Date or Fail"

"Be up to date or fail," is the way an exchange expresses it in speaking of the progress that is being made now in the development of new business methods.

There is a story told of a physician who every year at a prescribed time goes through his bookcases and libraries, which are very extensive, throws out the old and out of date books, and then piles in new ones. In this way he keeps apace with the development of new scientific findings of learned men of the age. We all know that some of the scientific books are useless a year after they are published. There was never a time in the history of the world when the new in every line of endeavor is crowding out the old as it is today.

To be a true success in anything we must keep up with the times. Every day there are new inventions being placed before the public, new discoveries being made in scientific lines, and the red tape, old foggy and cumbersome methods of transacting business in being rapidly done away with.

Indeed this is a world of rush, bustle and bustle, no one can dispute that. Every one seems to be ambitious to become something, or do something worthy of note. With this necessary ambition however must be a little much common sense. Remember that nothing else is improving faster than business methods.

If you are keeping books as they were kept a quarter of a century ago, if you are using the same business system, you are to say the least sadly behind the times.

### Back to the State Courts.

The Supreme Court of the United States in the Virginia two-cent-fare case has taken a most necessary step toward the orderly administration of justice.

The lower Federal court had issued an injunction restraining the Virginia courts from determining the validity of the railroad fares established by the State commission. The Supreme Court holds that State laws should first be passed upon in State courts, and that the proper procedure is by appeal from the highest State court to the United States Supreme Court, and not by a lower Federal court's

enjoining the highest State court from acting.

This is sound sense and good law. Such action by the United States Supreme Court is imperative to avoid clogging the Federal court calendar with State and local matters.

The same rule applied in this Virginia case would knock out the recent gas proceedings before Referee Masten and require the Consolidated Gas company to test the constitutionality of a State law first in the State courts and then by appeal from the New York Court of Appeals to the United States Supreme Court, which was the exact procedure followed in the franchise-tax case.

### Concerning Communication.

The article of the "Old Miner" in today's issue has some good points, but we must disagree with him in some of his statements. Of course he is a Lewis man, as his commun-

that. He considers that the organizers were sent into this district to organize, not to electrify for Lewis. Such may be the case, but to be frank it does not look like it. Nevertheless, the writer of this article has a right to his opinion, and doubtless many will think as he does.

### Electric Sparks.

The chairman of the ways and means committee has discovered that he wants to give everybody a chance to appear, that is to say, everybody within reasonable limit.

The University of Pennsylvania expects to have a big day on the 22nd of February when the next president of the United States will deliver an oration. It will undoubtedly be well worth hearing.

The Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington, rector of Grace Church, Broadway, found a check for \$40,000 under his plate at breakfast the other morning. "The Great White Way" is not the only institution on Broadway.

Paul Revere did ride. We have assurance of the fact from a Chicago grandson, who heard it from his mother, who in turn heard it from the lips of Paul Revere himself. So the poets are vindicated and the school readers need not be changed.

It now turns out that \$5,000 Abuzzi engagement ring is worth \$11.75. At that it will assay just \$1.70 more than the average coke.

"Nothing in the ice box can escape the police," says the New York World. Gee! What does that paper think they put on "the force" down there? Evangelists

Whether it is Elo or Esperanto or Volapuk the universal language that becomes really universal will have to be the one that survives because it is fittest.

With Mr. Roosevelt in the editorial chair the question as to what we shall do with our ex-Presidents is changed to what our ex-Presidents will do to us.

The latest developments at Mariana go to show that what we need is not so much additional knowledge concerning mine explosions as conscientious and rigid application of what we do know.

The greatest war now being conducted is the war on the White Plague. It has spread until it has become world-wide.

The wives and sweethearts of the American jacks are due to receive some new and novel foreign-made Christmas gifts.

The curiosity-seekers who have been thronging to Marianna to see the wreck of the mine must have spent some money to get there. Wouldn't it have been better to donate the money to the relief of the survivors.

The spirit of gallantry was entirely left out of the composition of a headline writer who exclaims: "Miss Elkins Will Not Get the Duke!" The duke is understood to put it, "I shall not get Miss Elkins," and to say it respectfully.

You will never be able to get up in the world by throwing stones at men who have started in life.

Our deepest sympathy is with the man of few words married to a woman who does a continuous monologue stunt. The poet has said that love is three parts pain, but who can tell how much real suffering is contained in the wedding ceremony?

### For Cross Ties.

For the purpose of prolonging as long as possible the life of cross-ties and thereby minimizing the consumption of timber, the Pennsylvania Railroad has determined in future to treat with creosote ties which shall be used on its main tracks. Up to very recently, the abundance of available timber in the eastern section of the country has rendered unnecessary such a policy, but the increasing scarcity of available timber in recent years has caused the Company to make a more thorough inquiry into the question of what policy should be pursued in order to secure an economical supply of cross-ties in the future.

To this end the Company, some two years ago, undertook tree planting upon a large scale. Since that time it has set out some 2,420,000 trees and has handled this year some 625,000. Extensive planting of trees and shrubs, especially for ties, lumber and veneer, purposes is being made on land owned by the company in various parts of the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Completely against the future, a contract has just been placed for the construction of a tie-treating plant at Mt Union, Pa., and, in addition, for two large creosote storage tanks to be located at Greenwich Point, Philadelphia, Pa. The Mt. Union plant will be the first treating operation undertaken on a large scale by an eastern railroad. This plant will be equipped with a cylinder 130 feet long and a little more than 6 feet wide. There will also be the necessary pumps, boilers, compressors and storage tanks. By reason of the fact that ties require from six to nine months seasoning in the open air before being treated, a storage yard of a capacity of one-half million ties will be provided adjoining the treating plant. The plant will be equipped to treat between 1,500 and 2,000 ties daily, or some 500,000 a year.

In addition to the regular treating plant, there will also be installed at Mt Union a small cylinder for the purpose of making experiments in treating the various kinds of wood available in Central Pennsylvania. It is estimated that proper treatment will increase the life of cross-ties from two to three-fold. Applied to all of the 100,000,000 ties which American railroad use annually, it would greatly reduce the drain on the rapidly decreasing timber sources. The Pennsylvania Railroad alone uses from 8,500,000 to 9,000,000 ties each year for renewals and new work. The average life of these red oak and chestnut ties under present conditions is from three to four years, while oak lasts from seven to eight years. It is estimated that tie-treating will increase the life of these ties to at least twenty years. The Pennsylvania Railroad's enormous requirements for ties and lumber strips the timber from some 5,000 acres annually. It is estimated that by properly treating with preservatives even a part of this timber, its life will be so increased that perhaps 25,000 acres will supply the Company's requirements.

**A LIFE OF THE ROOFS.**

Gardens Flourish on the House tops of Florence, Italy

There still exists in Italian cities a line of the roofs that is distinct and characteristic and of which the mere foreigner and tourist is entirely unaware. Particularly is this the case in Florence. Mount to the top floor of one of these grim, big palaces standing in some giddy, sunless street, often approached by a steep, forbidding door way and dark steep stairs, and you will hold your breath with wonder at the surprise that awaits you here before your eyes stretches an unfamiliar city, a tall and green city of wide expense and varying altitudes, a city no less architecturally beautiful than the one you have left behind and encircled, too, most unexpectedly by verdure.

In the very heart of the city, on its topmost apex, there is no trace of grim. The air is pure and whole some. Indeed, its breezes are charged with no small suggestion of sea and mountain breath. As for the smoke one would expect to find hanging above the roofs of a densely populated city, it is conspicuous by its absence, and only at the hour of meals does some faint blue column rise for the briefest space into the atmosphere.—Helen Zimmerman's "A Florentine Roof Garden" in Current.

**Absurd All Around.**

"Who is the old fule over there with the comic coat, the storepipe hat and the bigg'd kneed tressors?"

"That's the professor who is lecturing on the absurdities of woman's dress."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Private Exhibits.**

"That dog's ugly enough to have a pedigree. Ever had him in a dog show?"

"No; don't have to. He makes a show of smart dog he once."—Daily

**A Similitude.**

"Rainbow yonder come passin' by; soft o' strikes dead eyes o' mine like a slice o' melon fine!

**Making Headway.**

Nervous Traveler (to seat companion) "How fast should you say you were travelin'? Companion (who has been flirting with the girl across the way) "About a smile a minute."—Life.

**Smart Set.**

**Both Ways.**

Woman—Now that I have fed you, are you going without doing your work? Tramp—Ol couldn't wurruck on my ass, but I could wurruck on a wurruck or full one, so there you be.

**Smart Set.**

### WON ON A BLUFF.

The Way One Prosperous Merchant Got His Start in Business.

There is a prosperous merchant in Chicago today who owes his success to his donation of a \$5,000 organ to a church at a time when he didn't have money enough to buy a hand organ. This donation was a case of bluff pure and simple, but the bluff worked and resulted in the subsequent wealth of the lucky bluffer.

John Smith was seeking capital to start in business for himself, but as he had no security worth speaking of he could not borrow the money he needed.

When he had tried every person he could think of who would be likely to have the necessary cash and the inclination to lend it and had been turned down, he conceived the idea of presenting his church with an organ.

Young Napoleon John Smith therefore ordered his organ and allowed the future to look out for itself. The manufacturers of the organ never thought of questioning the financial standing of the philanthropist who was handing out \$5,000 organs and agreed to have the instrument set up in the church on time.

Of course J. Smith was not a bad boy who was born to blitheness nor did he have a streak of genius in him.

He managed to bring in at least the due sums no matter what the subject of conversation. Not only did the young Napoleon advertise himself by means of the church organ, but the pleased minister and the equally pleased congregation spread the news of his gift.

During this time John did not know any alfalfa to grow under his feet. On the eve of Christmas a somewhat member of the congregation about some minor details of the organ would drop into an office and before he left casually would mention the subject of the organ that he was forming. Most of the time that he thus saw thought that it would be a good thing to be associated with a man who was making so much money that he was able to hand out \$5,000 without missing it so that were authors to take stock in J. Smith's company.

Long before the time came for the first payment on the organ Smith had gathered enough money to start his business and was doing so well he had no difficulty in borrowing the amount needed to make the payment. From that time he has made money so fast that now he could give away several \$5,000 organs and pay for them as well.—Chicago Tribune.

### MEXICAN POLITENESS.

In the State of Michoacan Chivalry is Compulsory.

"If any man opines that the days of chivalry and the true knight errant spirit have gone forever let him start southward on a far southward journey, no bolt his steed until he brings up in the town of Morelia which is the capital of the Mexican state of Michoacan," remarked a traveling man.

"Having arrived in Morelia, he will at once see that the chivalrous spirit still survives. I was down there not long ago and the gallantry of the men and their extreme readiness to extend courtesies to the fair sex pleased and surprised me. When I noticed the alarm with which the native males jumped up on the crowded street to offer their seats to the first señorita that entered I thought to myself how much more gentlemanly are these Mexicans than many of my own countrymen. They do not wait to see if some other man is going to get up, but each tries to beat the other in courteously offering his seat to the lady."

"I spoke about the matter to the proprietor of the hotel and immediately he began to laugh.

"You must understand, señor," said the proprietor that the governor of our state issued a decree that if any man keeps his seat in a street car thereby compelling a woman to stand he is liable to arrest and a fine. The police have been instructed to execute this order severely, and I think this has much to do with the prompt politeness of which you speak, since none of our population wishes to become involved with the police and to be publicly branded as lacking in gentility."

—Baltimore American.

**She Had Red Burns.**

The philanthropic lady was visiting Glasgow slum and had just been ushered into a house where the good wife was engaged washing. Her endeavor was to elevate the moods of the poor, and she asked "Have you read Burns?"

In answer the good wife bared her brawny arm and displayed a large red mark, saying: "There's wan I got this mord wi' the steam o' the pot blillin' over. But, efter a' a burn's aye red."

**Must Have Had Experience.**

"Never mind dear," he said reassuringly as she raised her sweet face from his shoulder and they both saw the white blur on his coat: "it will all wurruck off."

"Ob, Charlie," she burst out, sobbing, bidding her face again upon his white shoulder, "how do you know?"—Somerville Journal.

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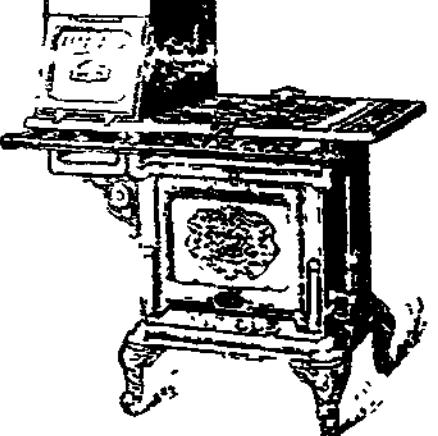
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### AN OLD INDIAN MYTH

It Tells a Curious Story About the Creation.

### MOUNT TAHOMA MADE FIRST.

Then Came the Trees, the Birds, the Fishes and All the Animals, With the Grizzly Bear the Last and the Greatest of All—The Origin of Man.

The Indians say that the Great Spirit made Mount Tahoma the first of all. Boiling a hole in the sky, using a large stone as an auger he punched down a snow and ice until they reached the desired height, then stepped from cloud to cloud down to the ground he planted the first trees by merely putting his finger into the soil here and there. The sun began to melt the snow produced water, the water ran down the side of the mountain, washed the trees and made rivers. The Great Spirit gathered the leaves that fell from the trees blow-

from a stick and set one into pieces. Of the small end he made fishes and in the middle of the stick he made birds, though he never intended which he formed to be the bird of the stick, and caused him to be master over all the birds.

Indeed, this was not so large a stick that it could not be easily broken, so he took it and a long time ago he mounted it on Mount Tahoma and has ever since where he is the last refuge of earth in the most perfect security and comfort. So the smoke was soon to be seen rising up from the mountain where the Great Spirit had his home and still live, though the earth here is at present longer now than the white man is in the land. This was no result of snows ago.

After this came a tree and several springtime, in which a memory story bled up from the sea, shaking the huge lodge to its base. The Great Spirit commanded his daughter, then little more than an infant, to go up and bid the wind to be still, carrying her in at the same time not to put her head out into the blast, but only to thrust her little arm and make a sign before she delivered her message.

The eager child hastened up to the door of the tent, and as she was told to do, she did, but her curiosity impelled her to look at the outside world outside, and there were many trees, the forest, the pine, the great vines, but the storm had made holes, as the forest when the snow covered the trees, so she stopped and put her head to look. Instantly the old woman, in her long hair and skin, lay down to the earth down the mountain side, with a squint eye and a smile, joined to the head of the tree.

Now the gray hairs were then somewhat different from what they are at the present time. In appearance it is true they were much the same, but they walked then with their heads like men and did not let children use the bare hands as a use their arms to the rest of the material at the place where the child was shown to be. A family of grizzlies. The other was busy in returning to the nest in his den with his mother and a young cub in his hand. The cub was showing a desire to play in the snow when he had all to go about her.

The old grizzly, pitying and wondering at the strange for one example lifted it up and carried it to his wife to see what should be done. She too was painful and fed it from her own breast bringing it up as one of the family. So the daughter of the Great Spirit grew up and the eldest son of the old grizzly joined her, and the offspring was neither grizzly nor Great Spirit, but man—Forest and Stream.

### A Defect.

A little girl was playing with a girl friend of her own age on the porch of her home. An elderly gentleman, her mother's father, and an elderly lady her father's mother, were sitting on the porch talking pleasantly with each other. The little girl had often wished her grandparents were of the same name, like other children's grandparents. Presently the little guest remarked, "What a nice grandmother and grandfather you have!"

"Oh yes," she said, with a sigh, "but they don't match."

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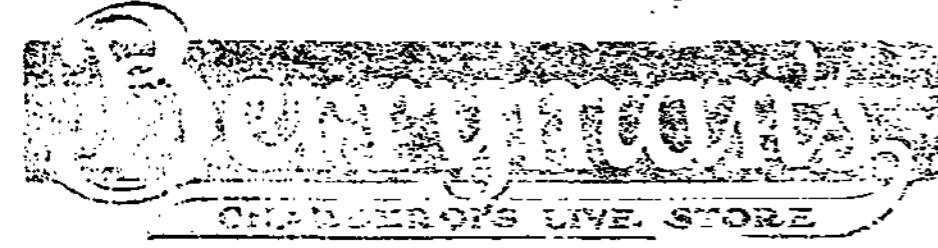
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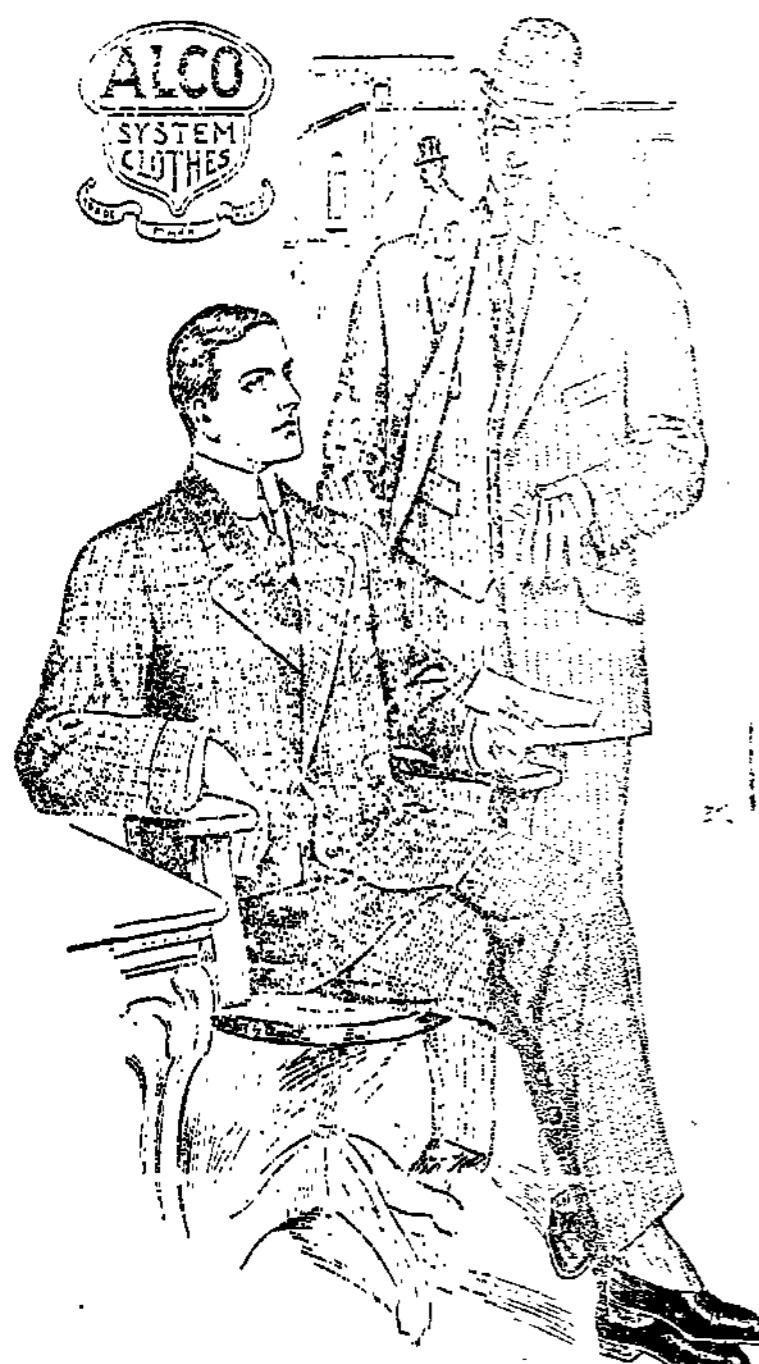
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### Personal Mention

J. A. Lowstutter of Fallfield Avenue is confined to his bed by pneumonia. Daniel Monack has left for Italy where he will spend two or three months. His wife who is already at that place will return with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sherman of Girard who have been visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Hepler and sister, Mrs. Arthur Slaughter of Second street returned to their home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Higgins left today for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will reside. Mr. Higgins was formerly a waiter in the Casino restaurant and was very popular.

### HAVE COMPLETED THE ARRANGEMENTS

The committee on the Memorial services to be held by Charleroi Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., consisting of John D. Berryman, Roland C. Brown and Charles L. McGaughey have practically completed arrangements for the services which will be held in the Coyle theatre on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. A large number are expected to attend. Col. Chas. C. H. Clegg, former mayor, is a well known speaker. The Central Maine chorus of California, an organization which is well known here will furnish special and appropriate music for the occasion.

### SHOW GIVEN BY THE CENTRAL TRADES UNION

The labor union show at the school hall last night while not so well attended as it might have been was good and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present. The main feature of the evening was the lecture given by C. J. McMorrow, of Boston, Mass., a representative of the Boot and Shoe workers union. The show besides the lecture consisted of illustrated songs, music and moving pictures. It was in all a program of merit, and deserved better patronage. It was given under the auspices of the Central Trades Union.

Moore.

The funeral of Mrs. Raymond Moore, a well known colored lady formerly of this place who died at the McKeesport hospital Monday night was held this afternoon at St. James A. M. E. church on Lincoln avenue this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The interment followed at the Charleroi cemetery. Mrs. Moore whose home for some time was in Doron was taken to the McKeesport hospital recently. She was there but a few days when she died, at 11 o'clock on Monday night.

For the meeting of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, at Altoona, Pa., December 5 to 11, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Altoona, December 5 to 11, good returning until December 14, inclusive from all stations in the State of Pennsylvania at reduced rates minimum fare 25 cents. Consult nearest Ticket Agent.

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Caught Him.

Mrs. Hoyle—I've found out where my husband spends his evenings. Mrs. Doyle—Where? Mrs. Hoyle—at home. You see, I had to stay in myself last night.—Harper's Weekly.

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Read the Mail

An English View of Napoleon. It is recorded that years after Waterloo, when the Iron Duke stood before the tomb of his great enemy at Les Invalides, he said, "Napoleon never was a gentleman."

The great contrast between the two soldiers was never better exemplified than by a strange little incident which occurred at Waterloo. The emperor had ridden so far toward the British lines as to be within range of our cannon. The officers in command of the batteries saw Bonaparte surrounded by his brilliant staff and trained the guns upon the group. It was just at this moment that the duke, who had seen the emperor's approach and observed the act of his gunners, galloped up to the battery and ordered the guns to cease firing. It was an act of generosity characteristic of Wellington, and it is sad to think that had the position been reversed the orders to the gunners world have been different.—Pearson's Weekly.

The Birth of Christ.

The exact date of the birth of Christ is unknown. Among the early churches there was no agreement as to the date of the Nativity, some celebrating it in April or May others in January. Dec. 25 can hardly be exact, for it falls in the rainy season of Judea, when shepherds would not have been watching their flocks by night in the open. The December date came into general observance naturally, but gradually. When the heathen races of the north were Christianized they simply substituted for their Yule celebration in December the observance of the birth of Christ.

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